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FOR: MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE PARTICLES, METHOD OF THE PRODUCTION

THEREOF, AND RESIN COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the subject application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the paragraphs beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

On page 1, prior to "Field of the invention", please insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/962,002, filed on August 11, 2000, which is a U.S. nationalization of International Application PCT/JP99/06990, filed December 13, 1999, which claims priority from Japanese Patent Applications 10/354258, filed December 14, 1998, and 11-195061, filed July 8, 1999.